

<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	09/978,164	SCHOOP, RONALD
	Examiner Stefano Karmis	Art Unit 3691

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Date of Interview: 15 August 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 10-12.

Identification of prior art discussed: Matsumoto et al. U.S. Patent 6,230,971.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant gave a discussion on the invention. Applicant explained the use of a generic control device that calculates user fees, using operation time, cycle times and a rate table. Applicant presented proposed claims emphasizing these features in an effort to distinguish the present application from Matsumoto. The Examiner's recommended filing an RCE with the newly proposed claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required